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1 with two or three strangers, he may have asked questions. I
2 didn't want to be asked any questions. That is why I wanted --

3 Mr. Madigan. With regard to the thousand dollars that you
4 arranged to be picked up for the bail money, did Mr. Maheu pay
5 that back to you out of his operating expenses?

6 Mr. Roselli. No.

7 Mr. Madigan. That was your own money, and you never got
8 it back.

9 Mr. Roselli. I never got it back.

10 Mr. Madigan. I have no further questions.

11 The Chairman. If that concludes your questions, Mr.
12 Madigan, we will turn to the Committee.

13 First of all, to Senator Hart of Michigan.

14 Senator Hart of Michigan. Just one question, Mr. Roselli.

15 Except for the man named O'Connell and the man named
16 Harvey, did you have conversations or contact with anyone else
17 representing themselves as government or CIA?

18 Mr. Roselli. No, sir, I didn't. I have seen people, but
19 I never had conversations with them.

20 Mr. Wadden. Would you indulge me, Senator?

21 Senator Hart of Michigan. Yes.

22 (The witness conferred with Mr. Wadden.)

23 Mr. Roselli. There were other people at times. There was
24 a meeting, but nothing discussed, nor was I introduced to them
25 as government people or --

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1 Mr. Wadden. This is a September meeting, Senator, I was
2 referring to, where he met O'Connell through Maheu and there
3 were three other people present, I think.

4 Senator Hart of Michigan. I am sorry, I did not hear
5 you.

6 Mr. Wadden. This was a meeting on September 18, I believe,
7 in 1960, in which there were three other people present with
8 Big Jim O'Connell, but he didn't discuss anything with them,
9 but, nevertheless --

10 Mr. Roselli. I didn't know who they were.

11 The Chairman. That was the meeting that took place at the
12 Plaza?

13 Mr. Roselli. The old Plaza.

14 Senator Hart of Michigan. That is all.

15 The Chairman. Senator Mondale?

16 Senator Mondale. When you were asked to help arrange
17 for the assassination of Mr. Castro, what was your understanding
18 of who in the United States government wanted you to do this?

19 Mr. Roselli. Well, anybody in the United States govern-
20 ment.

21 My point was if I am recruited in the Army, and I was in
22 the Second World War, it is like being recruited in the Army,
23 and if it comes through from higher authority I don't ask any
24 questions how high it was as long as there were government